

**EFFECTIVE**

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**SUBJECTS**

1. FIP, RAP and SDA asset eligibility.
2. Online manual pages.

**1) FIP, RAP AND  
SDA ASSET  
ELIGIBILITY****BEM 400****Policy Overview**

Determine asset eligibility prospectively using the asset group's assets from the benefit month. Asset eligibility exists when the group's countable assets are less than, or equal to, the applicable asset limit at least one day during the month being tested.

*Reason:* Consistency across programs.

**Application**

At **application**, do not authorize the Family Independence Program (FIP), Refugee Assistance Program (RAP), or State Disability Program (SDA) for future months if the person has excess assets on the processing date.

**Pending  
Application  
Months**

For pending FIP, RAP, and SDA applications, use asset policy that is in effect for the month you are determining eligibility.

**Ongoing**

If an **ongoing** FIP, RAP, SDA recipient has excess assets, initiate closure. However, delete the pending negative action if it is verified that the excess assets are under the limit before the negative action effective date.

**Action Required**

Apply FIP, RAP and SDA asset policy changes the next time you handle a case at application, redetermination or whenever a change is reported.

**2) ONLINE MANUAL  
PAGES**

Online manual pages will be updated in the second October policy release.

**MANUAL  
MAINTENANCE  
INSTRUCTIONS**